

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A guard for a grass trimming device having a shaft with a head at one end and a handle at the opposite end, comprising:
~~a releasable clamp slidably connected to the shaft;~~
~~a support member slidably connected to the shaft at a first end~~
~~of the support member with a~~ within the ~~releasable clamp;~~
and
a guard member connected to and extending outwardly from a second end of the support member to deflect grass clippings projected from the head of the grass trimming device.
2. (original) The guard of claim 1 wherein the support member has a means for adjusting the distance between the guard member and the shaft.
3. (original) The guard of claim 1 wherein the support member further comprises a pair of support members that are spaced in parallel relation extending beyond the shaft on opposite sides of the shaft.
4. (original) The guard of claim 1 wherein the guard member is made of flexible material.

5. (original) The guard of claim 1 wherein the guard is positioned at a 90 degree angle to the shaft of the grass trimming device.

6. (currently amended) A guard for a grass trimming device having a shaft with a head at one end and a handle at the opposite end, comprising:

a releasable clamp slidably connected to the shaft
a support member slidably connected to within the shaft at a
~~first end of the support member~~ releasable clamp;
~~a guard member~~ flexible brush member connected to and extending outwardly from a second end of the support member to deflect grass clippings projected from the head; and

a means for adjusting the distance between the guard member and the shaft of the grass trimming device;

wherein the ~~guard~~ flexible brush member is positioned at a 90 degree angle to the shaft.

7. (original) The guard of claim 6 wherein the support member is slidably connected to the shaft.

8. (original) The guard of claim 6 wherein the support member further comprises a pair of support members that are spaced in parallel relation extending beyond the shaft on opposite sides of the shaft.

9. (original) The guard of claim 6 wherein the guard member is made of a flexible material.

10. (cancelled) .

11. (currently amended) A guard for a grass trimming device having a shaft with a head at one end and a handle at the opposite end comprising:

a support member connected to the shaft at a first end of the support member; and

a flexible brush member connected to a second end of the support member to deflect grass clippings projected from the head; and

wherein the flexible brush member is positioned at a 90° angle to the shaft.

12. (original) The guard of claim 11 wherein the support member is slidably connected to the shaft.

13. (original) The guard of claim 11 wherein the support member has a means for adjusting the distance between the guard member and the shaft.

14. (original) The guard of claim 11 wherein the support member further comprises a pair of support members that are spaced in parallel relation extending beyond the shaft on opposite sides of the shaft.

15. (cancelled)

16. (previously added) The guard of claim 6 wherein the adjustable means is a plurality of holes that are used to adjust the vertical distance between the guard member and the shaft.